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TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OCON, IR, CE

SUBJ: DEPSEC VISIT TO SOUTH ASIA

REF: COLOMBO 862

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM MENDIS THAT DEPSEC RUSH AND ASST SECY SISCO UNFORTUNATELY WILL BE UNABLE REARRANGE SCHEDULE TO BE IN COLOMBO APRIL 20. THEY WOULD, HOWEVER, BE ABLE REVERT TO INITIAL SCHEDULEWHICH CALLED FOR THEIR BEING IN COLOMBO APRIL 17-18 AND AS THEY MUCH HOPE THEY WILL BE ABLE MAKE VISIT TO SRI LANKA THEY WOULD WELCOME RESCHEDULING ON THESE DATES.

2. ANOTHER POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE (FYI: WHICH WOULD INVOLVE CONSIDERABLE INCONVENIENCE AND IS THEREFORE MUCH LESS DESIRABLE END FYI) WOULD BE TO PAY BRIEF VISIT OVERNIGHT OF APRIL 21-22. IF WE DID THIS WE WOULD PLAN CUT SHORT STAY NEW DELHI LEAVING THERE AT 1140 AND ARRIVING COLOMBO
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AT 1500. CALL ON PRIME MINISTER COULD BE SCHEDULED
EITHER THAT EVENING OR EARLY MORNING OF SUNDAY APRIL 22.
WHILE WE WOULD PREFER QUIET DINNER WITH AMBASSADOR ON
EVENING SATURDAY APRIL 21, IF GSL WISHED ENTERTAIN US WE
WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DINNER THAT EVENING. WE WOULD PLAN
DEPARTURE FROM COLOMBO AT 1100 APRIL 22 TO PERMIT ARRIVAL
TEHRAN AT 1500. IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO EXTEND STAY
IN COLOMBO TO INCLUDE LUNCH APRIL 22.

3. REQUEST YOU CONVEY THIS RESPONSE AND REPORT RESULTS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ROGERS

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